



Celebrating our architectural gems

North Sydney's architectural icons will feature in the Sydney Architecture Festival which runs from 20 to 30 October this year. The festival includes talks, tours, exhibitions and children's activities at venues across Sydney. Council is hosting four events: three lunch-time talks at Stanton Library and a photographic exhibition at Don Bank Museum.

Thursday 20 October: North Sydney Olympic Pool, 75 years as a local landmark and a national treasure.

Brett Pollard, Senior Associate from Hassell Architects, which designed the award-winning 25 metre indoor pool, will speak about the history and architecture of the pool, including the 2001 refurbishments. North Sydney writer in residence PM Newton (see page 9) will talk about the local community's relationship with the pool over the years.

Tuesday 25 October: Renovating your home.

Details of this talk will be available closer to the date, visit northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Thursday 27 October: To give an air of restfulness; the legacy of Sydney Edwardian Architect Edward Jeaffreson Jackson.

Heritage architect Ian Stapleton and Michael Brothers, great grandson of influential architect Edward Jeaffreson Jackson, will give a fascinating insight into Jackson's role in the development of the Australian federation house. Many of the design elements of Sydney's much-loved federation bungalows can be traced back to the Arts and Crafts style of which Jackson was an exponent.

Federation architecture includes characteristic features such as high-pitched red roofs, tall chimneys, decorative woodwork and leaded windows. Jackson claimed credit for introducing the red terracotta roof tiles that spread across Sydney's north shore in the early 20th century. The tiles were so popular that Jackson himself came to refer to them as "scarlet fever".

16 September – January 2012: Seeing the light

An exhibition by Tony Peri, one of North Sydney's most respected and prolific local photographers, will be on display at Don Bank Museum until January. *Seeing the Light: photographs of North Sydney's churches and chapels* documents the exteriors and the less familiar interiors of some of North Sydney's most beautiful buildings.

More information

Architecture talks will be held at 1pm, Level 1, Stanton Library, 234 Miller Street, North Sydney. Don Bank Museum is at 6 Napier Street, North Sydney and is open on Wednesday 1pm-4pm and Sunday 2pm-4pm. For information on North Sydney festival events phone 9936 8400. For other festival events: sydneyarchitecturefestival.org



JACKSON HONOURED

To commemorate the under-appreciated influence that Jackson had on the architecture of the north shore, a reserve has been renamed Jeaffreson Jackson Reserve. The parkway, formerly called Moodie Lane Reserve, is located near the site of Jackson's family home Hanney, which was demolished in the 1960s to build the Warringah Expressway.

From the Mayor



It can take a long time to achieve worthwhile things in government, but when Waverton residents first started the campaign to save the Coal Loader as open space we certainly weren't expecting it to take two decades!

We began the campaign in 1992, when the Coal Loader ceased operating as an industrial site. The land was earmarked for residential development so a small group of us formed a taskforce and started lobbying our ward councillors. When I was elected Mayor in 1995, our campaign began in earnest.

We met with a succession of Premiers and Ministers, including Nick Greiner, Bob Carr and Craig Knowles, but it wasn't until someone spotted Bob Carr wandering around Waverton with the American consumer advocate Ralph Nader that we knew we had a hope.

The land was formally handed into Council's care and control in 2003, yet the journey was only just beginning. Since then, Council has refurbished the Powerhouse and Mess Buildings to house the North Sydney SES and provide a community meeting space, created beautiful public parklands on the lower section of the site and renovated the heritage buildings on the upper

section to create our wonderful new Centre for Sustainability. We've undertaken extensive consultation with our community and other stakeholders, spent many anxious months hoping for State and Federal grants to supplement our own funding and many more frantic months working to meet grant funding timetables.

It's been a roller-coaster ride – but one I wouldn't have missed. When the community came together to celebrate the opening of the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability in July, we weren't just celebrating our centre – wonderful as it is – we were celebrating the retention of our beautiful foreshore for future generations.

Too many people have contributed to this project to mention any names. But to all of you who have joined me on the journey, thank you. We can be justly proud of our achievements.

We're not quite ready to rest on our laurels – we still have the Coal Loader platform to finish, and the future of the Berrys Bay marina to negotiate with the State Government. But for now, enjoy the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability - it is a treasure!

“To all who have joined me on the journey, thank you.”

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The North Sydney Olympic Pool will continue its diamond jubilee celebrations on Saturday 15 October with a fundraising swim and vintage fashion parade.

North Sydney's swimming community is invited to swim a kilometre to raise money for breast cancer research and support services. The fundraiser is being organised by the Badger Swim School in partnership with the North Sydney Swimming Club, North Sydney Aussi, the Ripples Group and Council.

While representatives of the swimming clubs will anchor the event, it is open to people of all ages who can swim a kilometre (20 laps).

The full entry fee of \$25 will go to the Cancer Council's Pink Ribbon charity. The registration fee is tax deductible. Watch for details on how to register on Council's website or at the pool.

Participants will also receive a free silicon pink cap from Council to wear on the day. Morning tea for participants is being generously provided by the Ripples group.

The fundraiser swim will be followed by a parade of vintage swimwear. North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said the parade was a fun way to celebrate the pool's distinguished history.

"Since it opened in 1936, the pool has seen every imaginable change in swimwear fashion, from the sleeveless shoulder-to-thigh suits worn by men in the 1930s to the razzle dazzle costumes of synchronised swimmers and the barely-there bikinis of the '70s. A swimwear parade is a wonderful way to celebrate the pool as a community facility that has been loved and well-used by generations of North Sydney residents."

Pool goes pink for diamond jubilee



Urban Retreat

The new Crows Nest Uniting Church Park in Shirley Road is proof that good things really can come in small packages! Crows Nest Uniting Church teamed up with Council to upgrade the space and share its grounds with the surrounding community.

The result is a stylish urban retreat where Crows Nest residents and workers can bring a coffee or their lunch and escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. To create the sense of a retreat, the park includes a combination of different seating styles ranging from propping spots on retaining walls through to welcoming timber benches.

Native species have been planted to complement the established trees already on site and the original sandstone blocks have been inlaid into the granite paving. The curved pathway creates a sense of entry to the church, and the warm tones used in the finishes complement the bricks and stained glass in the church façade. The park brings elements of the natural and built environments, heritage and future into a cohesive whole.

Mayor Genia McCaffery paid tribute to the Uniting Church for its willingness to share its grounds. "Crows Nest is one of the suburbs that most needs additional open space, so in making this land available as a park the Uniting Church is making a very significant contribution to community wellbeing.

"With its sunny aspect and close proximity to the commercial district, I am confident that it will become a much-loved retreat for our business and resident communities."



Our infrastructure challenge

When we think of public infrastructure, most of us think of the infrastructure we regularly see and use, such as libraries, pools, community centres, roads, footpaths, bus shelters and playgrounds. But they are only part of the infrastructure that Council provides and maintains. We also provide important but unseen infrastructure such as retaining walls, piers and drainage pipes.

Council's plans for managing our infrastructure are documented in our Asset Management Plan. The plan identifies the work that will need to be done in the coming years to ensure our essential infrastructure remains safe and meets community expectations. Here are some of the things we are working on.

Drainage

Drains are invisible - until they don't work! Council's drainage network includes 98km of pipes. In recent years we've looked at more than half the network by CCTV and estimate about 6km of pipe needs replacing, at a cost of \$8 million. The drainage system also needs ongoing maintenance such as unblocking pipes, root cutting and cleaning.

Roads

Roads are our most significant asset. We maintain 139km of roads, valued at around \$200 million. On a condition index of 0 (poor) to 10 (good), our roads rate quite well, with an average score of 7.7. However, the condition of the road network has been slowly deteriorating. Council aims to improve the index rating to above 8 over the next decade.

Retaining walls

Council has 260 retaining walls, approximately 12km in length. In the past we have focused on replacing walls that fail, but in future we hope to



carry out remedial work on parts of retaining walls that are "in distress" to prolong the life of the entire wall.

Marine

North Sydney's boat ramps, wharves and boardwalks are used by people from across Sydney to access the harbour. In all we have 23 marine structures. The biggest issue in the coming years will be replacing piers which have been affected by marine borers.



Street furniture

Seats, bollards, bins, shelters, planter boxes, fences and public art are generally referred to as street furniture. Council has about 3000 items of street furniture; about a third of the street furniture in our parks and reserves is due for major repair or replacement.



Seawalls

North Sydney's extensive harbour foreshore is one of our best assets, but it comes at a price. We have 5km of seawall, which we are gradually rehabilitating at a cost of \$2000 per metre. It's not cheap, but better than reconstructing a collapsed wall which costs around \$10,000 per metre. We're currently completing one section of seawall every two years.



Growing veggies in a pot

There's nothing like the taste of veggies from your own garden. But not all of us live in houses or have the space to dedicate to a full vegetable plot.

The good news is that it's easy to grow your own vegetables in a pot on your balcony or in your backyard and Spring is the perfect time to give it a go.

We asked Ralph Forinash, Council's Community Gardens Coordinator, to give us a few pointers.

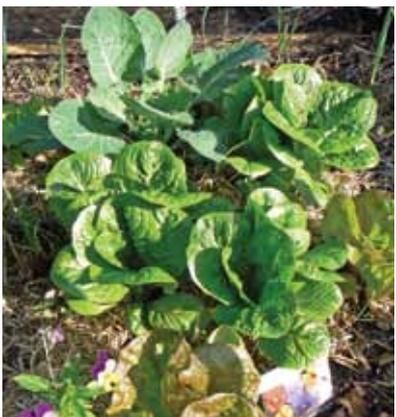
1. Choose your vegetables Start with something easy. Potatoes, lettuce and tomatoes are useful crops.

2. When to plant Many plants have a long planting season. Vegetables need five to six hours of sun per day - they can be moved if they are in pots to take full advantage of the sun (or to be moved out of the harsh afternoon sun). Lettuce can be grown in less sun, but will be less productive.

POTATOES (*Solanum tuberosum*) – plant from August to November



LETTUCE (*Lactuca sativa*) – plant year round



TOMATOES (*Lycopersicon esculentum*) – plant from August to December



3. Getting started Begin with organic potting mix manufactured to Australian standards – generally as good a mix as you can afford. Add well-rotted compost, if possible, to ensure richness. Your own is best, but you can also buy compost from your local hardware or nursery. Ordinary garden soil will compact too heavily, so resist the temptation to mix some in.

Plant your seeds only as deep as the diameter of the seed. If you plant them too deep, the seeds could struggle to germinate. Tiny seeds such as lettuce seeds should be just covered. Remember to follow the instructions on your seed packet.

Potatoes must be grown from certified seed potatoes. They are potatoes that are ready to grow and are certified as disease-free. If you grow from household potatoes that are sprouting you will probably get leaves and stems but are unlikely to get a good crop.

Lettuce can be bought as a seedling or as seeds. Sow seeds directly in the pot and keep moist but not wet. They need some shelter from the sun in the hottest part of the day.

Tomatoes can be grown from seed or seedlings. Sow the seeds or seedling directly in the pot. Adding some lime, available from your hardware or nursery, will prevent blossom-end rot. Small tomatoes will produce prolifically.

4. Planting in pots Any container that drains well can be used to grow veggies. The depth of the container should match the type of vegetables – potatoes need a deeper container than lettuce. Terracotta and plastic pots work equally well, but terracotta dries out more quickly and may need more frequent watering.

5. Caring for your vegetables Growing vegetables in a container means that you must keep up the watering. In hot weather you may need to water your vegetables every day, but be careful not to overwater. If you pick up the pot and it's very heavy or very light, that will give you some indication of the amount of water in the soil. Mulch on the top of the pot will help to ensure the vegetables don't dry out. Chopped lucerne mulch is great because it is fine and provides its own nutrients.

If you can keep a worm farm, even a small one, vegetables will love you for it. Just water over the top with diluted 'worm juice' occasionally and the plants will thrive.

Watch out for pests. Inspect for insect damage regularly and pick off caterpillars, snails and slugs.

If you pinch out the shoots growing in the base of stems (laterals) on tomatoes they will produce bigger fruit.

6. Harvest time Lettuce can be harvested as soon as it's producing enough leaves. Taste test is best; young leaves can be mild and tender.

Potatoes can be harvested early for small potatoes, but are harvested finally when the green foliage has died down. If you harvest small potatoes, take care not to disturb the remaining potatoes.

You can harvest your tomatoes as soon as they have a blush, and ripen them on a table or window sill, but they are best when they are vine ripened.

Community celebrates Coal Loader transformation



Thousands of people gathered at the Coal Loader site in Waverton on Sunday 10 July to celebrate the official opening of the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability. The Centre is a regional learning hub for sustainable living, showcasing innovation and best practice in sustainability.

The opening celebrations included an all-day Sustainability Festival and an official opening of the Centre by The Hon Anthony Albanese, Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, assisted by The Hon Jillian Skinner, NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research and North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery.

“The opening of the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability is a major milestone in a very long process to save the site for current and future generations,” said North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery. “It will now be a place where the community can come together to learn about sustainable living practices or to simply enjoy the stunning parklands.”

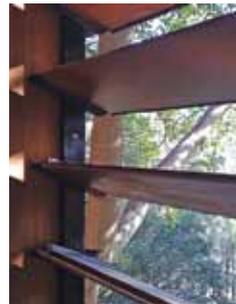
The Coal Loader operated as a coal distribution station from 1920 until 1992. In 2003, the State Government handed the land to the care and control of North Sydney Council. Since then, Council has spent \$3 million transforming the site into a Sustainability Centre. This has been complemented by a \$1.87 million grant from the Australian Government and \$860,000 from the NSW Government.

Future works include the opening of a cafe and the transformation of the Coal Loader platform into a multi-purpose green roof space.



Things to do at the Coal Loader

- Call into the Caretakers Cottage and see the educational displays
- Book into a sustainability workshop
- Join the community garden volunteers and help grow fresh vegetables and herbs
- Participate in the community nursery and propagate some native plants
- View the bush foods garden and Aboriginal rock engraving
- Visit the chook run and learn how you can keep chooks at home
- Explore the surrounding parklands, including the historic coal loading tunnels
- Discover the site’s history through interpretative signage
- Enjoy a picnic on the grass with stunning harbour views

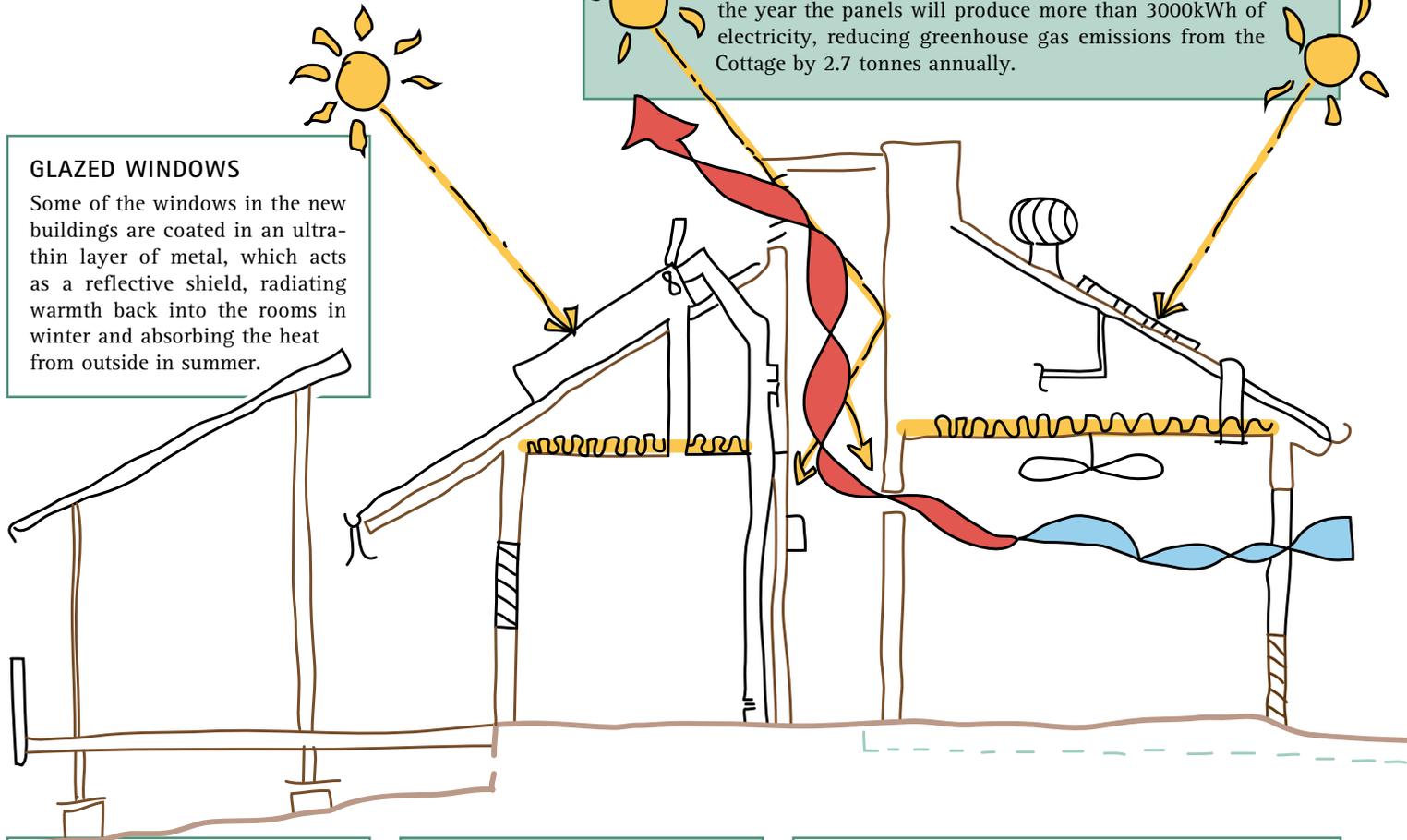


Directions

The Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability is at 2 Balls Head Drive, Waverton. Staff are on-site to show you around the Caretakers Cottage. Current opening hours for the buildings are from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday and from 10am to 4pm on Saturday. You are free to wander around the parkland at any time.

The Caretakers Cottage environmental education centre provides examples of how you can make changes to your house to make it more sustainable – helping the environment and your bank account!

The Caretakers Cottage has been refurbished with best-practice sustainable materials and technologies, from the VOC-free paint used on the walls through to the passive solar design, solar heating system and recycled rainwater reuse system. Many of these ideas are used throughout the site.



GLAZED WINDOWS
Some of the windows in the new buildings are coated in an ultra-thin layer of metal, which acts as a reflective shield, radiating warmth back into the rooms in winter and absorbing the heat from outside in summer.

ELECTRICITY GENERATION
Sixteen photovoltaic solar panels are installed on the roof of the Cottage, generating 2.96kWh of electricity at peak output. During the year the panels will produce more than 3000kWh of electricity, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the Cottage by 2.7 tonnes annually.

HOT WATER
Hot water for the building is generated using a solar-boostered, integrated heating and hot water storage system. The system includes a thermal storage tank and an instantaneous gas-fired hot water heater to generate additional heat if required. All piping and fittings are insulated to minimise heat loss from the system.

COOLING
The Caretakers Cottage design maximises the use of natural ventilation, so that no air-conditioner is required. Wind-assisted turbo ventilators drive air through the Cottage and ceiling-mounted fans increase cool air movement in summer. The balcony and louvres on the western side of the building protect it from hot afternoon sun.

HEATING
The building is primarily heated using a hydronic system. Hot water is heated by the sun through solar tubes on the roof. The water is then circulated through insulated pipes through a series of radiators which warm the room. It is gas-boostered during the evening and during the day if there is insufficient sunlight.

NATURAL DAYLIGHTING SYSTEM
Tubular skylight systems direct daylight through a skylight in the roof via a highly reflective tube, lighting up a room and helping to reduce energy consumption. A vented skylight also brings lots of natural light into the centre of the building.

FINISHES AND FURNISHINGS
Furnishings and finishes have been selected for no or low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and a high recycled or recyclable component. VOC are potentially dangerous chemicals commonly found in household finishes, furnishings and products.

Stay tuned for many more exciting developments at the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability

Serpent sign of urban life



North Sydney Street signs have been transformed into artwork thanks to the creative talents of artist Anthony Whyte.

Anthony, who has previously lived in North Sydney but is now based in the Southern Highlands, has used 120 former North Sydney street signs to create *Urban Serpent*, a sculpture stretching 17 metres. The sculpture was on display until recently at the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability in Waverton and will return to the Coal Loader early next year after being exhibited in Willoughby and the Hunter Valley.

“*Urban Serpent* is an organic shape created from the urban environment,” said Anthony, who describes himself as an assembler. “By changing the shape of the street sign, it becomes something else. *Urban Serpent* is an ancient concept with a modern message.”

Anthony says he often uses street signs in his work. “There is something quite nostalgic about street signs,” he said. “People relate to them because they have known a certain street or suburb.”

The creation of *Urban Serpent* took Anthony several months. He has also created a number of other artworks from North Sydney street signs, including clocks and a coffee table. For more information on his work see www.anthonywhyte.com

Boardwalk synergy

Art Along the Boardwalk, North Sydney Council’s much loved outdoor art event, provided inspiration for this year’s winning artwork in the North Sydney Art Prize.

Artist Greg Hansell won the North Sydney Council open prize for his work *From the Boardwalk* which he completed at Art Along the Boardwalk in May. Hansell’s winning artwork depicts a boat in Lavender Bay.



“Art Along the Boardwalk is just a great day out, it’s such a nice day to sit there and paint,” said Greg.

He says he was delighted to find out that he had won the North Sydney Art Prize. “It’s always lovely to get that phone call – it’s just magic,” he said.

Judge Nafisa Naomi said of his work: “Muted colours depict the contrast of light and shadow on a sunny day – with yellows and pinks making the soft greys vibrate with life and energy.”

The Tenix Waterfront Prize went to Josephine Josephsen for *Berrys Bay*. Josephine also won the People’s Choice award. Guy Troughton won the Mosman Art Society Watercolour Prize for *Egret – Evening Berrys Bay* and the Hilton Hordern Children’s Prize went to Jacquelyn Ngo for *Welcome to Sydney*. A full list of winners is available on Council’s website.

Local talent in residence

Dynamic art works take shape

Contemporary sculpture and textured oil paintings of waterscapes are currently being created at the Primrose Park Arts and Craft Centre by the current artists in residence, Kath Fries and Julie McConaghy.

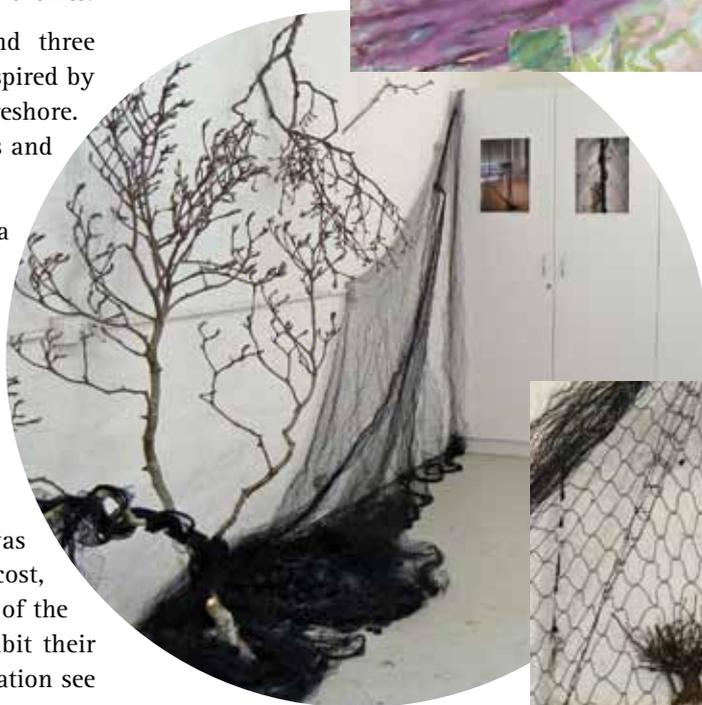
Kath specialises in site-sensitive installations featuring natural elements such as feathers, used domestic objects and artificial materials. During the next few months she will be creating a series of installations within the concrete arches and aqueducts around the park, using domestic materials to suggest connections between everyday normality and magical themes.

Julie's preferred art style focuses on textural and three dimensional oil and gouache paintings, which are inspired by the natural environment, particularly the harbour foreshore. Her works reflect the impact of the changing seasons and light on the natural environment.

"I look forward to working in the bushland setting for a period of months and reflecting the changing seasons in my work. The light and space that the art studio provides gives me a perfect platform to spread out and develop my paintings, which can take months to complete because of the many layers of paint used."

The artists' work will be exhibited at the Centre from 10 to 16 December.

North Sydney Council's Artist Studio Program was established in 2008 and provides artists with a low-cost, six-month lease in a shared studio space. At the end of the lease the artists are required to collaboratively exhibit their results at the Primrose Park Gallery. For more information see www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/studio



Water into words | Pam Newton

Council's writer in residence, former police officer and crime novelist Pam Newton, says she didn't choose the crime genre, it chose her.

"When I left the police service I decided to write about travel and music. But while I was in India there was a religiously motivated triple murder just 100 metres from where I was living. It shocked and upset me, and I started writing fiction as a way of dealing with what had happened."

Her first novel, *The Old School*, was

written as part of a thesis for a Masters degree in Creative Writing. The main character is a Vietnamese Australian called Nhu Kelly, who lives on the lower north shore, so local landmarks such as Smoothery Park, Berry Island and the North Sydney Olympic Pool feature in the novel.

Pam, who is published as PM Newton, will use her time in residence at Don Bank Museum to complete her second Nhu Kelly novel as well as complete

a written work about North Sydney. "Because this is the 75th anniversary of the Olympic Pool I am writing something about the pool. I'm interested in people's relationships with the pool and what it means to them. I was pleased to offer the pool as a subject because it is somewhere I love."

Email: myplaceatthepool@live.com.au or blog <http://myplaceatthepool.wordpress.com>



Beware balcony falls

With summer approaching, Westmead Children's Hospital is urging parents and carers to keep a watchful eye on small children near open windows and on balconies. The number of children who fall more than trebles during summer. Children aged two to four are most at risk and boys are twice as likely to fall from a window or balcony than girls.

A Hospital Working Party is seeking support from the Australian Building Codes Board to review current standards for windows and balustrades. In the meantime, it recommends parents follow these guidelines.

DON'T

- place furniture or toys near windows that can be easily opened
- rely on mesh screens unless they have specifically been designed to withstand lateral pressure
- leave light-weight moveable furniture on balconies and decks
- position planter boxes near balustrades
- leave children unsupervised on balconies, especially those with large openings or horizontal rails in the balustrade or furnishings that can be used to climb on

CONSIDER installing:

- devices that limit window opening to 100mm
- physical barriers such as internal plantation shutters or external louvres on windows
- glass or durable mesh inside the balustrade (please contact Council for advice)

ERNEST PLACE UPGRADE

Ernest Place is getting a facelift. Stage 1 of the work, which includes new paving and an extension of the pedestrian area adjacent to Willoughby Road, is due to start next month. Artworks will also be installed in this area to create a gateway to the plaza. Further improvements planned for next year include more green space, improved street lighting and enhanced outdoor dining opportunities.



ON OUR BIKE

Over the coming months you may see this electric bike on the streets of North Sydney. Council has introduced its first pool bike for staff to use when attending meetings and site visits within the North Sydney area. It is hoped the bike will not only reduce the impact of Council motor vehicles on the local roads, but reduce journey times at some busy times of day. The bike is being trialed as part of Council's Greenhouse Action Plan.

BBP REACHES 100

The Treehouse Hotel in the North Sydney CBD is the 100th business to join the Better Business Partnership (BBP) in the North Sydney local government area. The Treehouse (formally the Victoria Cross Bar) already has a commitment to sustainability with recycled bric-a-brac, furniture and crockery forming part of the quirky décor. It will now be working with the BBP to reduce its waste, energy and water use, and develop sustainable purchasing and transport practices.

The BBP is funded by the NSW Government's Environmental Trust, and North Sydney, Ku-ring-gai and Willoughby City Councils. Almost 300 businesses have now joined

the program across the north shore. Residents are encouraged to support BBP businesses – look for the participation logo in shop windows or visit www.betterbusinesspartnership.com.au for a full list of participating businesses.

CLIMATE CLEVER DEALS

North Sydney residents can get special deals on solar power and hot water systems, heat pumps and rainwater tanks when they buy through the ClimateClever Shop. Eleven preferred suppliers have been selected for 2011/12 by the Alternative Technology Association, an independent not-for-profit organisation that assessed suppliers for value, quality and warranty coverage.

The suppliers are: Solar Shop, Autonomous Energy, Mark Group, Hot Water Maintenance Artarmon, Solarpro, Hot H2o, Dingo Solar, Advanced Simplicity, Green Living King, Roseville Plumbing and Aquarius Watermaster. ClimateClever Shop is an online service provided by six northern Sydney councils. For more information visit climateclevershop.com.au

What's on in North Sydney this Spring

Arts/Music/Literature

- 21 Oct Creating Wellbeing:
Walking with Cameras, Lane Cove National
Park, 11am - 3pm 9936 8411
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- 12-20 Nov Children and Youth Art Exhibition, Hutley
Hall 9936 8192
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- 18 Nov Creating Wellbeing:
Creative Dance and Drawing, North Sydney
Community Centre, 2pm - 4pm 9936 8411
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- 1 Dec Summer Reading Club begins, Stanton Library
9936 8400
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- 10-16 Dec Primrose Park Studio Artists' Exhibition,
Primrose Park Gallery 9936 8187
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- 16 Dec Creating Wellbeing:
Potting with Pim, North Sydney Community
Centre, 2pm - 4pm 9936 8411

Community events

- 12 Oct Ride to Work Day Breakfast, Bradfield Park,
Burton Street 9936 8247
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- 16 Oct Crows Nest Festival, Willoughby Road, Crows
Nest 9437 3125
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- 22 Oct Treasure Island Children's Festival, Civic Park,
10am - 2pm 9936 8187
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- 31 Oct Children's Halloween party, Stanton Library,
6pm-7pm, dress to scare 9936 8400
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- Mental Health Month display and activities,
Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 25 Nov - 10 Dec Events for 16 Days of Activism to Stop
Violence Against Women 9936 8183
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- 1 Dec World Aids Day display and activities,
Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 2 Dec Community Carols, Civic Park 9936 8187
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- 10 Dec Christmas Celebration on the Village Green,
Crows Nest Centre 9439 5122

Eco events

- 22 Oct Native Havens Garden Tour, 9am-1pm,
bookings essential 9936 8258

Sustainability workshops

- 8 Oct Home Composting, 11am - 1pm
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- 15 Oct Keeping Chooks, 11am - 1pm
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- 29 Oct Water Wise, 11am - 1pm
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- 5 Nov Balcony Gardening, 9.30am - 12.30pm
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- 19 Nov Herb Spiral, 11am - 1pm
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- 19 Nov Eat Well, 8am - 10.30am, Ros Crichton
Pavillion

Held at the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability, Waverton, except for the Eat Well workshop. All workshops are free, but bookings essential 9936 8100.

Spring into Jazz

Pull out your picnic blanket! The arrival of the spring sunshine means it's almost time for North Sydney's popular outdoor event, Spring Into Jazz.

Each Spring, North Sydney parks and reserves are transformed into live music sites featuring some of Sydney's best jazz talent as part of this popular concert series.

This year the concerts will run for five consecutive Sundays from 23 October until 20 November.

Venue and band information will be published on Council's website closer to the event. Visit northsydney.nsw.gov.au



RUNNING FESTIVAL Road closures There will be significant road closures in North Sydney, Milsons Point and Kirribilli for the annual Blackmores Sydney Running Festival on Sunday 18 September. The Bradfield Highway, Cahill Expressway, Sydney Harbour Bridge and local roads will be closed between 4am and 11am and special event clearways will be in place from 1am. For more detailed information visit sydneyrunningfestival.com.au or livetraffic.com/events

Museums & other places of interest

Don Bank Museum

The oldest timber cottage in North Sydney, 6 Napier Street, North Sydney 9936 8400

St Thomas Rest Park & Sextons Cottage Museum

Site of the first burial ground on the North Shore 9936 8400

May Gibbs' Nutcote

Former home of children's author and illustrator May Gibbs, 5 Wallaringa Avenue, Neutral Bay 9953 4453

North Sydney Heritage Centre

History exhibitions, research and collections, Stanton Library 9936 8400



Children's Festival

Shiver me timbers – pirates and mermaids are coming to Civic Park! There's still time to brush up on your pirate lingo and join the fun at the Children's Festival with Captain Bandanna, a pirate magician and the Funky Fins Puppet Show.

Sparrow Sports will lead sports activities and local community groups will offer pirate and mermaid art and craft activities at their stalls. Kindifarm, Australian Wildlife Displays and Rangers on the Run will showcase baby farm animals, reptiles, native wildlife and a touch tank of sea creatures for the children to enjoy.

Other entertainment will be provided by local young performers from All Stars Performing Arts, Centrestage Academy, North Sydney Girls

High School Wind Ensemble and the Jazz Workshop.

Arts and Culture Coordinator Narelle Spooner said that in the past 10 years the festival had grown from a small celebration with a few hundred children to a family fun day that attracts thousands.

“The festival is successful because it is a local celebration provided by local services. Groups such as kindergartens, playgroups and health services get behind the event, so while the kids are enjoying sea-themed crafts, parents can learn about the services available to support them and their family. And best of all, the activities are all free.”

Treasure Island Children's Festival, 10am-2pm, Saturday 22 October, Civic Park, next to Stanton Library, Miller Street, North Sydney

Markets

2nd Sat every month

North Sydney Market, Civic Park, Miller Street, North Sydney 9922 2299

3rd Sat every month

Northside Produce Market, Civic Park, Miller Street, North Sydney 9922 2299

Crows Nest Market, 2 Ernest Place, Crows Nest 0412 210 084

4th Sat every month

Kirribilli Market, Burton Street Tunnel and Bradfield Park, Milsons Point 9922 4428

2nd Sun every month

Kirribilli Art & Design Market, Burton Street Tunnel, and Kirribilli Fashion Market, Bradfield Park, Milsons Point 9922 4428

Every Friday 6pm - 10pm (weather permitting)

Twilight Food Fair, Civic Park, North Sydney starts 7 October until daylight savings ends

The Boules Artistes Petanque Club meets on the fourth Sunday of every month in Bradfield Park. This photo of club members in action was taken by Christine Deaner for Snapped in North Sydney on Council's website. Email your photo of North Sydney to photos@northsydney.nsw.gov.au



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